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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Carl Koerner, Jr., who passed away on January 20, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Koerner was born on December 10, 1926 in East St. Louis, Illinois to Carl P. and Ann Koerner; he served as a military policeman in the United States Army during World War II; and he married Carolyn A. Roberts in 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Koerner was the chairman and founder of Koerner Distributor Inc. of Effingham, Carterville, Centralia and New Baden; he was also the owner and director of K & M Floral Shoppe Inc. and Effingham Marina Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, For almost 40 years, Carl P. Koerner, Jr, dedicated himself to improving the quality of life in the Effingham area through his participation in civic organizations including, being a member of the St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and chairperson of the St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Effingham Knights of Columbus, the Greater Effingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry Industrial Affairs Committee, the St. Anthony's Hospital Planning Commission, the St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Advisory Council, the Effingham County Youth Commission, the Eastern Illinois University Panther Club in which he was a past president, the Eastern Illinois University Executive Council and President's Club, the Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees in which he was chairman, the Effingham Catholic Charities Board of Directors, the Effingham Kiwanis Club, the Effingham Jaycees and every St. Anthony schools ad hoc committee; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Koerner has received numerous awards for his

1 community and work performance, including the Effingham Daily
2 News 2001 Citizen of the Year, the Rotary Club Vocational
3 Excellence Award, and the Seagram Tribute to Achievement
4 Award; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Koerner was considered a liaison between the
6 City of Effingham and Springfield; his friendships and
7 connections with State leadership often helped open up
8 discussions for projects like the Raney Street overpass and
9 extension that would benefit the Effingham area; and

10 WHEREAS, The passing of Carl P. Koerner, Jr. will be
11 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
12 wife Carolyn, his sons, Phil (wife, Carla) and Paul (wife,
13 Kay); his daughter, Lynn Radford; his sister Rita (husband,
14 John) Baird; his nine grandchildren; and the many people in
15 the city of Effingham whose lives were touched by his
16 generosity; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
19 all who knew him, the death of Carl P. Koerner, Jr. of
20 Effingham, Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Carl P. Koerner, Jr. with our
23 sincere condolences.